

**APRIL 10, 2024 ISSUE 15**

Sunday Worship  
9 am and 11:10 am  
10 am Sunday School  
online @first4god.com

# **INFORMER**

This week's  
sermon text:  
**Luke 24: 13-35**

*Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin*

When my son came to me, he was six months old. He had a completely different name. A different identity, if you will. His given name was, let's say, different; and so the case workers encouraged me to come up with a nickname for him. Which I did, something kind of close to his given name so it wouldn't confuse him too much. I chose to call him Sully, after the pilot Sully Sullenberger, or so I thought.

He came to me on a Wednesday, so I of course had him with me at church that evening. All of the kids were excited and asked what the baby's name was. When I told them I was calling him Sully they all got excited and said..."like from Monsters Inc." If you have ever seen that Disney movie, then you know what they are referencing. From that point on, Sully just stuck as his nick name. Over those first two years, we acquired MANY Sully the monster toys.

As adoption became real, the caseworkers and my lawyer encouraged me to change his name completely. Which I struggled with, but did so for his safety. When I say his whole identity changed, it did, at least legally. I was worried how he would adjust to a new name at the age of two. For the first month or two he would tell everyone, "my name is Sully." Then he got used to it. We got used to it and lived into his new name. Two years later, he never even mentions the name Sully. He lived into his new name, his new life.

The same is true for us as followers of Christ. The world calls us so many names: unloved, not worthy, outcast, and so so many more. Yet, God calls us by new name: beloved. We are beloved children of God and we are invited to live into this new identity, this new truth, we receive through him who first loved us. My prayer is that the more we live into these new names, these new truths, the less we respond to those names and words the world calls us.

As we journey through this season of Easter, may we truly live as people of the Resurrection. May we live as God's beloved sharing light, love, mercy, grace, and compassion to all we meet. After all, that is how we are called to live as the beloved community. This is my prayer for all of us. You are loved. You are welcomed. You are forgiven.

Easter Blessings,  
Pastor Tara



# Attendance

John Arnold, Kimi Arnold, Steven Braswell, Dolores Brown, Cole Brown, Eddie Buso, Gretchen Campbell, Stormy Campbell, Christie Crook, Clell Furnell, Cara Harrington, Charlotte Herrick, Rick and Gloria Hill, Michael Lucito, Beverly McCoy, Hallie Meyer, Mike Mittenburg, Rowena Pettet, Addison Poe, Gerald Scott, Roberta Skinner, Pastor Tara, Quincy Zimmerman

**April 7, 2024**  
**9am 180**  
**11:10am 100**  
**Sunday School 91**  
**Online 280**

**Our friends in the Armed Services:**

Sam Braverman, Preston Butts, Daltin Butts, Kenneth French, Nicholas Holman: Thank you for your service!

**Nursing Home and Shut-Ins**

**Essex: Dava Brummit**  
**E. W. Thompson: Allan Fowler, Shirley White**  
**Primrose(Independent): Freida Morrison, Euphemia Zahringer**  
**Primrose(Enhanced Assisted Living): Gay Groves, Marion and Janet Thomas**  
**Stoney Ridge: Kimberly Baryiski, Virginia Todd, Charles Vose**  
**Sylvia Thompson: Lois Ditzfeld, Judy Steele**  
**Homebound: Earl South**



**1st Service**

Allison Brosch  
Amy Brust  
Jim Brust  
Treasure Green  
Bill Herrick  
Caroline Knox  
Jason Knox  
Chancey McRoberts  
Kenna Schock

**2nd Service**

Treasure Green  
Bill Herrick  
Caroline Knox  
Jason Knox

We now have a prayer request option on the website. It will go straight to our prayer team so they can be praying with and for you.

If you wish to check out our Digital Bulletin while worshipping; go to [first4God.com](http://first4God.com) scroll down to Worship Online, click Digital Bulletin. Scripture and list of songs will be posted.

**Greeters for April 14,**  
**Stephanie and David Parkhurst**

Candlelighters  
for April 14  
Jerrick and Colton



# THIS WEEKS EVENTS

## THURSDAY 11

10am Water Aerobics Heckart  
11:15 55+ Train Trip  
6pm Elders

## FRIDAY 12

11am Friday Friends FCC

## Saturday 13

10am Group 5 Read Ctr.

## SUNDAY 14

9am Worship  
10am Sunday School  
11:10am Worship  
12:30pm Teacher Training  
7pm NA

## Monday 15

1pm Adult Spiritual Growth  
Community Cafe  
5:30pm Property  
6:30pm Girl Scouts

## Tuesday 16

10am Water Aerobics/Heckart  
12 noon Brown Bag Bible Study  
1:30pm Prayer group  
5:30pm Stewardship  
6:30 Scouts

## Wednesday 17

5:30pm SOLID  
6pm JYF  
7pm College Bible Study Stone  
/Campbell  
7pm NA



**Becca Kidder  
joined FCC on  
Sunday April 7,  
2024.  
Welcome to the  
FCC family.**



**Women of Faith Banquet  
Friday, May 3, 2024, 6:00pm**



**Precious Memories  
How They Linger**

Please bring an item that you have kept over the years because it has a special place in your heart for the person who gave it to you. Suggestions: photo, dried flower, pin, vinyl record, handkerchief, dress, apron, Bible, book, jewelry, picture, etc. You will be sharing a story about your item with others at your table.

**\$15.00 adult**

**\$5.00 child**

**4 and under free**

**Childcare provided**



**Margot Sofia Heubi was  
born April 1, 2024.  
Congrats, Austin and  
Emma!!**

## **2024-2026 Capital Campaign Update**

The Capital Campaign progress for the first quarter of 2024 is as follow:

**Total Campaign Goal: \$750,000**

**Total Pledges Received to Date: 71**

**Total Pledged Amount: \$357,127 47% of the Total Goal**

**Total Pledges Received to Date: \$109,234 15% of the Total Goal/31% of the Pledged Amount**

The Capital Campaign Committee would like to thank all who have made their contributions to the Capital Campaign to date. We are seeing a steady flow of contributions which is great as we get closer to groundbreaking. The more we have in the bank the better it is for us. It is not too late to make a pledge, start your contributions for your pledge or make a one-time contribution to the capital project. Have you thought about setting up an automatic withdrawal? As always, your continued support and prayers are appreciated.

Thank you!

Capital Campaign Committee

## **Building Committee Update**

**The building committee continues its work. The committee met with the architect on 3/26 and continued to hone the construction drawings. The committee will meet again on 4/25 and expects that to be the final meeting before the construction documents are prepared. The next step will be soliciting bids.**

The committee has also determined City code will not allow moving the existing bus barn to a different area. The committee is in the process of planning a suitable replacement to be constructed south of the church.

Thank you!



**"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."(Romans 12:12).**

**You are invited to join Jenny Spence and Cathy Clements in prayer each Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 in the Stone Campbell Room. Each prayer session begins with guided and reflective prayer based on scripture and includes methods to compose scripture-based private prayers. Sessions end with Intercessory prayers for others. If you have a prayer request, please fill out the card located in front of church pews or use the form on the church web page. Please join us as we develop a prayerful relationship with God and pray for others.**

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**May 11, 2024, 10am to 4pm 55+ Club will be going to a Flower Festival in Camdenton, MO at Fireridge Farmstand. Enjoy a delicious meal with Swallowtail, meet some amazing artisans and explore the farm. Details and sign up to be announced.**



**59lbs of food was  
donated to Open  
Door in the  
Month of March!**



**Needs of Retrieving  
Freedom:**

**Dog Bones**

**Tennis Balls**

**Zukes soft dog treats**

**Dog Shampoo**

**Any of these can be  
dropped off in the bins  
outside the office.**

**Ray of Hope is one of our Mission Partners! We always covet your prayers for their life-changing ministry, but if you would like to help by purchasing something off their Amazon Wish List or by donating a blanket, please see information below. Blankets can be dropped off in Pastor Tara's office.**



**The Hope Centre is in need of flannel baby blankets again. They must be 36" x 36" and double sided flannel.**

**There is also an Amazon Shopping List for those who want to donate specific supplies.**

**<https://a.co/cgvtZur>**

## **Teacher Training**

**Sunday April 14, 12:30pm**

**The Children's Ministry team is excited to offer Teacher Training, led by our own Kayla Orell, Behavior Analyst. We know that teaching in a church is much different than teaching in a classroom and we are hopeful this collaborative training will give us all an opportunity to learn from one another while learning new ways to create a safe and welcoming environment for all of our precious kiddos. If you teach our kids, you're encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided.**

## **Attention FCC Men:**

**Men's Retreat at the Lake of the Ozarks**

**April 19 and April 20**

**Friday arrival after 4pm**

**Saturday 10am to 4pm**

**29168 Sand Cedar Rd.**

**Gravois Mills, MO**

**Sign up sheet in the lobby**



Learning Food

**JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship)**  
**Wednesdays at 6:00pm**

Children  
 3rd-5th Grade

Games Fellowship

Start the Party:  
 Celebrate the Good News!

Save the Date for VBS!  
**ONE DAY ONLY!**  
 Saturday, July 27th  
 More info to come!

**First Christian Church**  
 200 S. Limit Ave

**Friday Friends**  
 2nd Friday of the Month

Moms and kiddos are invited to join other moms and kiddos for some fun and playtime the 2nd Friday of the month.

April 12th - Spring craft at FCC at 11 am  
 May 10th - Mystic Mountain in Warrensburg.  
 11:30am-1:30 pm

**2024 Camp Dates**

<b>Faith Adventures</b> July 22-26th - \$195 JYF, Chi Rho, and CYF	<b>Jo Ota</b> Try It Camp- June 7-9 \$225/pair Adult or parent must come with Child	<b>North West</b> Chi Rho - June 29-July 3 \$230 CYF - July 6-11 \$230 123 Go- July 13-15 \$150	<b>Our Bodies Our Faith \$385</b> July 28-August 2 at Camp MOVAL 8th grade (8th graders are welcome if they have never attended)
<b>Try It- \$95/pair</b> July 25-26 Adult or parent must come with Child	<b>CYF - July 8-13</b> \$375	<b>Elem \$185/1r\$335 - July 15-19</b>	<b>Regional Sons &amp; Fathers Retreat</b> Oct. 11-13 at Shannondale \$190 for son and father together. \$99 per single adult
<b>Regional Canoe Camp \$280</b> July 14-18	<b>Chi Rho - July 28-August 2</b> \$375	<b>Junior - July 17-21</b> \$230 <b>Combo (Junior &amp; Chi Rho)</b> July 23-27 \$230	

**Regional Young Adult \$185**  
 (ages 18-24)- Eve of 6-24- Morning 27th @ Jo Ota

\*\*\*Registration Will Be Open March 1\*\*\*

**Right Now Media Kids Pick of the month**

**Easter Special: Kylar's Crazy School Day**  
 JONATHAN EVANS

1 Session Avg Session - 22 Min 2024 Resources

Kylar's first day at school doesn't play out just as her siblings had assured her when their promises to support her fall short and mirror Peter's denial of Christ. At Storytime, Jonathan and Kanika relate the scenario to Easter by using the day's events as a timely lesson.

**FCC Kids will go to Faith Adventure Camp. Scholarships are available, please contact Pastor Tara.**



Like us on Facebook at Solid-FCC Youth Sedalia



Joshua  
1:9



SOLID will meet every Wednesday  
at 5:30pm.



SOLID Youth Summer Mission Trip.  
June 9-15, Dallas Fort Worth.  
We will be working with Be The Neighbor.  
The bus will leave at 6am Sunday, June 9. You  
must register online.



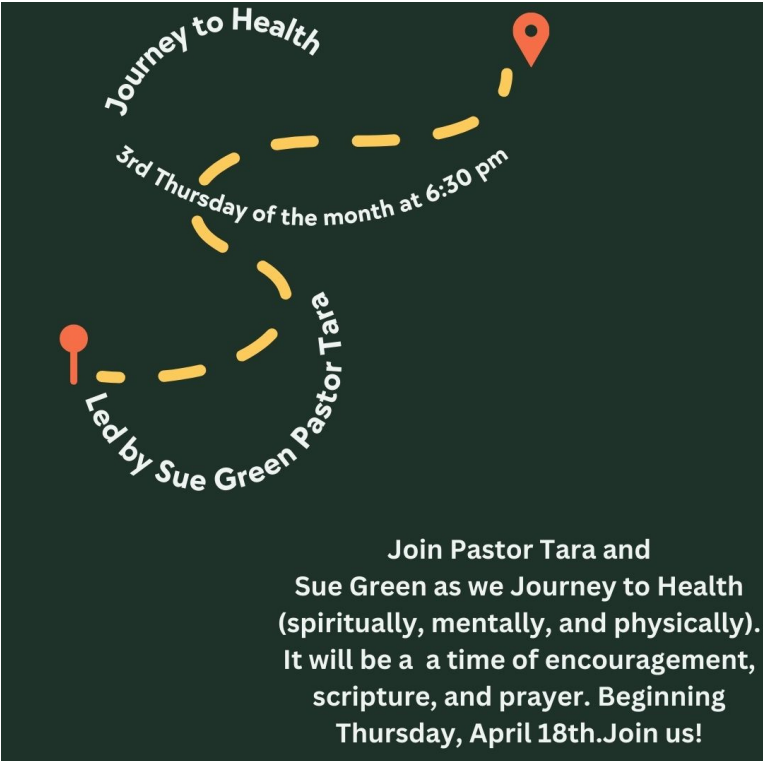
Thank you to everyone who supported our  
trip to Branson, we appreciate you!!

Jesus Walking

**Brown Bag Bible Study**  
Tuesdays at 12 noon, at  
FCC/Cane Ridge Room.  
Bring your lunch and learn  
about the Bible.

Anyone that wants to  
join us at the Heckart  
Community Center for  
Water Aerobics, are  
welcome. Tuesdays and  
Thursdays at 10am.

## CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

A graphic for the 'Journey to Health' class. It features a dark green background with a yellow dashed line forming a path. The path starts at a red location pin on the left, goes up and right, then curves down and left, ending at another red location pin on the right. The text 'Journey to Health' is written along the top curve of the path. Below the path, it says '3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm'. Along the bottom curve of the path, it says 'Led by Sue Green Pastor Tara'.

Join Pastor Tara and  
Sue Green as we Journey to Health  
(spiritually, mentally, and physically).  
It will be a a time of encouragement,  
scripture, and prayer. Beginning  
Thursday, April 18th. Join us!

**For the Journey to Health  
class please bring a favorite  
recipe and we will healthify it!**



**8-Week Andy Stanley Bible Study**  
"Starting Point, A Conversation  
About Faith" for College Age  
Students and Young Adults  
On Wednesday's  
7:00-8:30 p.m.  
We will meet in the Stone-  
Campbell Room. Light snacks will  
be provided.



## **Families of Graduating Seniors:**

We will be celebrating your graduate by posting a short bio and picture of them on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Chad's office.

We would like the bio's up the week of April 15. Sunday April 28, will be Graduation Sunday at FCC.

Each senior will be recognized in worship with their picture on the screen and they will receive a Life Application Bible.

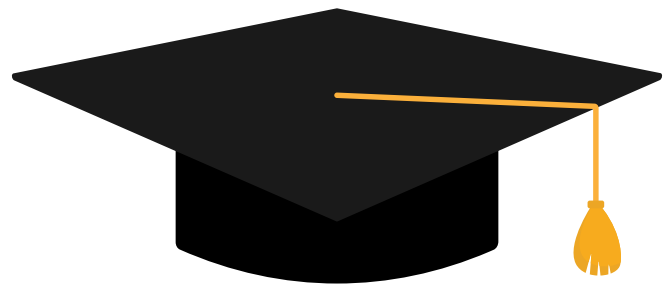
Please submit by either dropping them off by the office or by emailing them to [sherifcc1@gmail.com](mailto:sherifcc1@gmail.com)



## **Kokendoffer Scholarship Applications**

**New and returning students must complete the application process to be considered for this scholarship. Applications can be picked up at the church office or via email**

**(tonja.hooton@hotmail.com). Applicants must be members of First Christian Church of Sedalia, MO and a full-time college student. Also make sure to include a good contact information (student cell# works best) so you can be notified of awards and updates throughout the school year. The completed applications are due into the church office by Sunday June 16th, 2024. Scholarship recipients will be notified of award and date of church presentations in mid-July.**



**DWM Group  
5 will meet  
April 13,  
10am Read  
Center Apts.**